

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 10, 2007. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

The Examiner takes the position that the claims are deemed to correspond to the species listed below.

A. Claims 1-21: A method for predicting a plurality of surface multiples comprising the application of a 3-D operator.

B. Claims 22-41: A method for predicting a plurality of surface multiples comprising the application of a 2-D operator.

More specifically, the Examiner takes the position that the species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 and that the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features under PCT Rule 13.2, i.e., the special technical features of a 3-D operator and a 2-D operator are mutually exclusive.

In response, Applicants provisionally elect species A for consideration by the Examiner without traverse. As such, claims 1-21 are readable on species A. Withdrawal of the requirement is respectfully requested.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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